

June 24, 2022

Dear Occupant/Owner:

Re: Penticton Creek work to begin with removal of Nanaimo Bridge

In May 2022, the City informed residents that plans to restore flood protection and naturalize Penticton Creek between Nanaimo Ave and the intersection of Norton St and Wade Ave E were proceeding this summer. The City has now awarded the contract for the project and work is scheduled to begin this week. This letter reminds residents in the area about what work has been completed on the project, what to expect during construction and where you can find more information.

As communicated previously, preparations for this project got underway this spring with the removal of undergrowth and trees that were anticipated to interfere with the creek rehabilitation. That work was completed in advance to avoid bird nesting season and to mitigate impacts on wildlife. With the early works finished, the City has now awarded a construction contract to H&M Construction Ltd. to complete the remaining scope of work. As anticipated, the project will advance quickly now that a contractor is secured in order to complete the construction during the limited window where the fish won't be affected.

The first thing that will happen is the removal of the Nanaimo Avenue Bridge. The removal of this bridge is necessary to ensure that the future creek flows, under flooding conditions, can safely pass through this section of the creek. The remaining major activities are planned to take place in the creek during the annual fish window starting July 15 to August 30. This will involve redirecting the creek, removing concrete, undertaking earthworks and installing river rock.

A summary of the anticipated dates for the key activities and changes you can expect over the next few months include:

- Removal of the Nanaimo Street Bridge – *early July*
- Closing of the creek side walkway during creek channel restoration – *mid/late July*
- Detouring pedestrians around Wade Avenue – *mid/late July*
- Creation of laydown areas for material on nearby roads and lanes – *mid July*
- Naturalization of the creek - *late July to end of August*
- Restoration of adjacent areas, landscaping, and path – *Fall, potentially Spring 2023, depending on weather and availability of plant materials*

Construction activities will affect transportation in and out of the area. With the removal of the bridge, vehicles will need to choose one of the other four routes, namely Pickering Street to Haven Hill Road/Eckhardt Ave., Van Horne Street to Vancouver Ave., Abbott Street to Vancouver Ave., and Westminster Ave. to Ellis Street.

BC Transit routes 3 and 16 were adjusted in June to prepare for the bridge removal.

The creek side walkway and pedestrian bridge over the creek at Norton/Wade will likely be closed throughout the construction period starting in July. Pedestrians will be detoured around Wade Avenue and Van Horne Street.

More information about this project is available on our website at penticton.ca/restore-penticton-creek. We have also included some of the frequently asked questions about this project with this letter for your convenience. As the project proceeds, we plan to issue regular updates about construction activities through our City communication channels. We encourage you to follow our social media accounts and subscribe to penticton.ca to receive the updates directly. If you have any questions, please feel free to email engineering@penticton.ca.

We thank you for your patience as we work to move this important project forward. Please follow all construction activity signage in the area and maintain a safe distance from equipment and workers during this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Chapman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Chapman, P. Eng.
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